

THE DAILY STAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE CITY.

Fair or partially cloudy for the next 24 hours.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

MAYOR JOHNSTON has gone to Portsmouth.

R. H. GOLDSBOROUGH, Esq., of the Indianapolis Sentinel, is stopping at the Grand Hotel.

L. D. RICHARDSON, Esq., of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R., is at the Grand Hotel.

THE anniversary of Sedan was celebrated by music and fire-works last night at the Lookout House.

THE weekly financial report of the Secretary of the Water-works shows a total of \$490.99 in the fund.

A "HOLINESS MEETING" will be held to-day at 8 P. M., at Wesley Chapel, on Fifth street east of Sycamore.

ALL night officers and patrolmen are to report to Police Adjutant Thomas Bourke at 8 o'clock to-morrow for battalion drill.

SENATOR R. J. OGLESBY, of Illinois, will deliver an address upon political matters, this evening, at Robinson's Opera-house.

MR. JAS. HAMILTON, a marine painter, whose works are in high repute, both in Europe and this country, is in the city to visit the Exposition.

CHAS. ALEXANDER, for stealing \$2 in money from William Scher, was sent, by Judge Lindeman this morning, to the Work-house for thirty days and fined \$25.

THOMAS PATTEN, six years of age, was accidentally killed late yesterday afternoon, on Front street, between Ludlow and Lawrence, by a pile of lumber falling on him.

EUGENE ULRICH, a scissor-grinder, was convicted in the Police Court this morning of having snatched a dollar note from a little boy yesterday. He was fined \$10 and costs, and in default of the sum was committed.

GEO. STERN, who some months since is said to have defrauded the German Bank, corner of Vine and Twelfth streets, of \$2,500 on a worthless check for \$5,000 on Odyke's Bank, in New York, was yesterday arrested in St. Louis. A requisition will be obtained, when he will be brought here for trial.

IN THE Water-works Board yesterday afternoon a motion was carried that the \$2,900 for water paid by the Grand Hotel be refunded to the hotel, as not legitimately collected by Quinn, the delinquent rent clerk. This action was taken in order to take the matter out of the hands of the delinquent rent collector.

MR. M. BECKLER, of Cincinnati, and Mr. O. A. Lerch, champion quilt player of New York, played a match game of quilts yesterday afternoon at the Millbrook House. Score 21 to 10 in favor of Beckler. Another match at 10 a side was played by Lerch and James Hunter and was won by Lerch. Score 25 to 21.

THE cases of Johnson, Roth and Williams, as mentioned in yesterday's STAR, were continued till the 7th inst. The charge against them is breaking into Morgan's house. Andrew A. Eyster was arrested, yesterday, for having concealed the goods stolen by the above parties. His case was continued till the same day.

MRS. MARGARET HOPKINS, wife of J. E. Hopkins, Esq., a well-known gentleman of this city, died last evening, at her home, No. 37 Barr street. The remains are to be taken to Annapolis, Md., for interment. Mr. Hopkins' many friends in this city will extend to him their heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement.

ALICE ROSCOE, who, it is alleged, some days ago, in Joe Wood's establishment, put a man named Kugler in the back, was arraigned again in the Police Court this morning, but was not tried. The case was continued till next Friday. The physician who attended to the wounds of Kugler reported that his condition is rapidly improving and that he will be able to appear in public by the middle of next week.

HANSELMANN and Cincinnati Commanderies, of this city, depart via Dayton Short-line on Monday night to take part in the annual session of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, of this State, at the Beebe House, Pull-in-Bay, next Tuesday. The Commanderies of this city will be accompanied by the Newport Garrison Band. The grand inspection and parade of the Knights take place on Tuesday and the business proper begins on the following day.

OFFICERS Tighe and Klinger, about 2 o'clock this morning, were attracted by loud cries that appeared to emanate from a woman at the corner of Seventh and Culvert streets. They found two Blacktown beauties in a tangled in a ugly fight. Mary Anderson had a pen-knife in her hand, and during the affray cut the other woman, Dolly Jordan, above the elbow on her left arm and on the wrist. Mary was arrested, and in the Police Court this morning pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery. She was sent to the Work-house for sixty days.

A crowd of white ruffians last night attacked a colored wedding party, on East Sixth street, on the way to Allen Temple. Brickbats were hurled at the carriage, while driving along the whole of Sixth-street hill. The windows of the vehicle were demolished, but the party inside escaped without injury. Two colored residents of that region were terribly indignant at the outrageous conduct of the white ruffians, and at first proposed summary retaliation, but were persuaded to hold back by the police, who soon restored order.

Amusements.

THE GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—"The Mimiques" drew a very good house last night, everything considered. The acting of Sheridan & Mack, in their character sketches, was very good—winning hearty encores. The same programme will be repeated this evening.

WOOD'S THEATRE.—The Troupadours drew a very fair audience last evening, who were loud in their approbation, as evidenced by the frequent applause of the acting of Miss Nellie McHenry and Mr. Oliver Wren. The comedy, "Travelling Under False Colors," has grown in favor with the public. The same bill for to-night.

GULICK'S GRAND CENTRAL.—The audiences at this house do not seem to diminish, notwithstanding the increased attractions in other quarters. There will be a matinee this afternoon, when a fine list of attractions will be presented.

THE NATIONAL THEATRE.—"Old Drury" is ever popular. Two warm weather and hard times takes nothing from its popularity. The house, last night, was crowded to overflowing. The programme, which was most excellent, will be repeated this evening.

Red Men.
The Council-Fire of the Great Council of the United States, of the Improved Order of Red Men, will be kindled in the city of Richmond, Virginia, on Tuesday, 14th Sun, Corn Moon, G. S. D. 394, at the 9th run, rising of the sun.
The following are the Grand Representatives from Ohio who will be present: Charles S. Betts, of Cincinnati; J. H. Hart, of Cincinnati; J. Dowdall, of Columbus; Wm. A. Brand, of Urbana; Paxton Coats, of Cincinnati.
The Representatives from California, Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee, Michigan and Indiana will join the representatives from Ohio in this city, whence they will all depart on the night of the 12th by a special train via Washington, D. C., to Richmond. While in the latter city they will stop at Ford's Hotel. A banquet is also being prepared for them at the Grand Opera-house, at Richmond, and several very pleasant excursions to points in and around the adjoining States.

Larcenies.

The following cases of larceny were reported at the office of the Superintendent of Police this morning:

A gold watch was stolen on Tuesday, August 31st, from the residence of Rev. J. Uford, Delaware, Ohio. A reward of \$20 is offered for its recovery.

Last Wednesday night a light dun mare and a set of single harness were stolen from Springfield, Ohio. Twenty-five dollars is offered for the arrest of the thief.

W. D. and S. B. Turner, of Edgar Station, Ohio county, Tenn., offer a reward of \$250 for the arrest of Frank Williams, of Harris Station, who, on the 28th ult., murdered their brother.

W. W. Anderson, of Naplesville, Ind., reports the loss of \$150 worth of gold nuggets, \$13.50 in silver coin, \$5.00 in nickels, and a revolver, which were stolen on the 29th of August. A reward of one-half of the property is offered for its recovery.

The residence of Mr. Henry Schultze, southwest corner of Bank and Linn streets, was entered yesterday, and robbed of a lot of clothing. No arrests.

Base-Ball.

The long expected game between the Stars and Ludlows was played yesterday afternoon on the Covington grounds, resulting in a third victory for the Stars. Up to the eighth inning the score stood 3 to 0 in favor of the Ludlows, and the immense crowd in attendance, with scarcely one exception, regarded the Stars as settled winners. The surprise of every one, the Stars scored three runs in the ninth inning, making the score a tie. A tenth inning was then played, which resulted in a victory for the Stars by one run. The following is the score by innings:

Innings..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Stars..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 1
Ludlows..... 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0

Hon. Samuel F. Hunt has been chosen captain of the "Married or Ought To Be" nine, while Mr. Fred. Mussey has been similarly honored by the "Bachelors." The game will come off on the Star Grounds on Monday next. A large crowd of ladies will be in attendance, so the "Bachelors" say.

Last evening the Eureka Base-ball Club was organized, with the following officers and players: Chas. Adams, p.; Sig. Wise, c.; E. C. Reynolds, 1st b.; Leon Block, 1st b. and Treasurer; Will Marx, 3d b. and Captain; Harry Blitz, c.; Geo. Pilling, s. s.; Alf. Reinauer, 3d b. and Secretary; Is. Holberg, r. f. All challenges should be sent to A. Reinauer, 28 West Pearl street. The above club play their first game with the Cincinnati Stars September 5th, at Hexter's Schuettgen Park, Fairmount. Game called at 2 P. M.

The Cincinnati Base-ball Park will not be opened on Saturday, as advertised, owing to some failure on the part of the contractors to finish the grand stand. The game, it is thought, will come off on Tuesday, September 7th.

The Moons took the shine out of the Sun on the grounds of the latter. Score 15 to 14.

The American and Striped Stockings will try conclusions this afternoon on the Star grounds.

EMPIRE AND MINERAL CITIES.

The Way the Traps for Suckers are Set.
"Mineral City," Grayson county, Texas, a settlement which exists on paper alone, in illuminant water colors, with headquarters at No. 236 Vine street, demands some attention. It saves too much of "Mineral City," Brown county, Texas, odor, of which the following is a brief description, taken from the United States Census Reports:

"These lands are volcanic, worthless, and without fuel, soil or vegetation. Assessed for taxation, real and personal blank."
The STAR has always had the interest of the people in view in dealing with new enterprises, and always disposed to encourage those which were for the genuine interest of the masses, a reporter was sent out with instructions to get more light, if possible, as to the true inwardness of these cities of spontaneous growth. He presented himself to the manager of the Vine-street bonanza and respectfully solicited such information as any sensible person would naturally desire before investing even a nickel.

He ascertained the following, which is given for the benefit of the public: "Mineral City" has an existence not in name; that a Mr. Homan is apparently responsible for its origin. Said manager was either unable or unwilling to show any abstract of title to lands upon which said city is to be located. That he was not then supplied even with blank deeds to accommodate the seekers of "something for nothing," and that he was loath to accept of any money tendered. That further, he was unable or undispensed to name the stockholders in the said "Mineral City Company." That he would give no references as to himself either here or elsewhere.

He couldn't tell as to the cost of recording deeds. He said that the few acres upon which the prospective city was to be located belonged (in fractions) to different parties scattered through Texas, Missouri, Kentucky and Ohio, and that any person accepting these liberal donations of town lots would have to wait for the transmission of these deeds from the owners of the land on which they might happen to locate. Manager Homan volunteered the information that he was arranging for the establishment of "branch offices" in other cities, and that if he met with good success here that the "alternate lots" would be put on sale elsewhere.

Here is a brief outline of the manner in which these inflated paper cities are manufactured from which the public can judge of the propriety of investment. For instance: Tom, Dick or Harry possesses himself (or claims to) of a tract of cheap, worthless land, in some far distant locality. Then, through the medium of explanatory circulars, highly colored, and phrased, maps, and the attention of the public to its desirableness is unprecedented facilities, and certain rapid growth.

It is planned so as to make the largest

possible number of lots. They offer as a present to gullible suckers the alternate lots of the new "city." Said managers then open offices in various cities for the disposal of the lots, having on as their claim, the fact of the notary public (40 cents or \$1, according to circumstances).
The person accepting a lot or lots must have the same recorded, and the managers, having an understanding with the Recorder for a liberal percentage on all records made, which percentage looks up a handsome sum as profit, of several thousand dollars per acre for lands that could not be given away, if known what they are.
There has been too much of this fraud, and it would be safe for all those who have been deluded into the notion of investing money in the expectation of becoming owner of a "town lot free," to pause and consider.

THE BUSINESS PROSPECTS.

What our Merchants and Manufacturers Say About Them.

Knowing that there was a feeling of anxiety among a large portion of the community with regard to the immediate future of the business interests of our city, a STAR reporter started out yesterday in quest of knowledge relating to all branches of the "fall" trade. Stopping at the first house of importance in his path, which happened to be a wholesale dry goods establishment, in fact one of the largest in the West, he proceeded to use the reportorial pump upon the proprietor, drawing forth the fact, which was also confirmed by other large houses in the same line, that people in that branch of business felt greatly encouraged. The prospects for business as they presented themselves were very flattering. They had found that the damage to crops had been greatly overestimated, and that quite a large yield of corn and a fair crop of wheat might be expected. Letters were being received daily from all parts of the country which were very encouraging, especially those from the Wabash region, where it was expected that the most damage would result.

The farmers in that locality since the waters had subsided were busily engaged in threshing their wheat, and the present indications are that there will be fully three-fourths of a crop.

The dry goods trade was not the only one that saw a bright future in the future. The clothing houses in that city had their men out upon the road for weeks, and orders are coming in daily, and while it is true that the profits are not as large as those of the past, there is every reason to believe that this year's business will be fully up to if not ahead of last year.

At one of the large clothing houses the reporter found one of the prominent traveling men who had just returned from Central Kentucky, where he reported that prospects were of the brightest, there being no scarcity of corn or wheat and a superabundance of grass, many of the farmers of that portion of the State declaring that the yield of wheat will be the largest crop raised with them for twenty years, and moreover, if the crops should prove small the difference in prices would fully make up the difference for while grass is as plenty as it is this season, and cattle bringing an average of six cents against a net average of three last year, the value of the wheat will in that section make very little difference. The same opinion prevails in many other localities and in various States.

The boot and shoe dealers, with one or two exceptions, are fully as sanguine as the clothing and dry goods men, having received and still being in daily receipt of large orders which they are able to fill with very fair profits, though many of the country customers are slow in their payments, using the reported damage to the crops as a convenient handle to grind out the tune of "hard times." In fact, all the business men of that section are doing a much better business than they had expected from the indications of two or three weeks past.

The hat trade, as represented by some of the leading firms, is doing remarkably well, although it is true of the hat makers of other merchants that they have been making extra efforts, which will, in a measure, lessen the profits.

The iron, steel and hardware men are in good spirits over the future of their respective trades, and especially so are the hardware merchants, they receiving and filling orders daily, which makes their houses look like old times, and these orders are all filled at figures which leave room for fair profits.
The grocery trade which is largely dependent upon the success of the growing districts is doing a fair business at present with encouraging promises for the fall. Coffee, sugar and molasses and all staple articles are bringing fair prices, and orders are being received daily for goods in small lots with the prospect of a daily increase both in the number and quantity of orders. The salesmen who are out on the road report the corn crops in all sections of Ohio, Kentucky and the bordering States as being very large. The wheat, though damaged to some extent, taken upon an average throughout the country will yield more than an average crop.
Throughout the whole business community, with but very few exceptions, the opinion seemed to be established almost as a fact, that the coming season was one full of promise to all merchants who would use the requisite amount of enterprise and perseverance.

Military.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST BAT., O. N. G., Sept. 3, 1875.

General Orders No. 35.
The Battalion will assemble at the Cincinnati Light Guard Company's Armory, northwest corner of Eighth and Freeman streets, on Wednesday, September 8, 1875, at 8 o'clock A. M., for parade, full-dress uniform.

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J. H. SANDERS, 1st Lieut. and Adj't.

The Weekly Star.

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AMOR SMITH, Chairman.

REPUBLICAN MASS MEETING

ROBINSON'S OPERA-HOUSE,

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LEGAL.

LEGAL—State of Ohio, Hamilton county, Court of Common Pleas.—Laura Madison, plaintiff, vs. Fannie Steen, a minor, aged 17 years; Charles M. Steen, her guardian, and Joseph McLaughlin, defendants.—Case No. 46,844. The defendants, Fannie Steen and Charles M. Steen, minors, and Georgia A. Steen, their mother and guardian, who are non-residents of the State of Ohio, are hereby notified that August 15th is the date when said petition for partition of the following-described real estate, to-wit:

"All those two lots of ground in the western part of the city of Cincinnati and State of Ohio, and described as follows, to-wit: Nineteen (19) feet of the west side of Lot No. 418, and six (6) feet of the east side of Lot No. 419.

"Also, twenty-five (25) feet of the west side of Lot No. 474, as the same are designated on a plan of subdivision made by the commissioners appointed to make partition in the case of A. W. Anderson vs. Thomas Ewing et al., Case No. 16,193, in the Superior Court of Cincinnati, and which plan is recorded in Plat Book No. 2, pages 298 and 299, in the Recorder's office of Hamilton county, and is the same premises conveyed by Daniel Head and others to Constance Head, by deed dated March 14th, 1868, and recorded in Book 386, page 498, of said records."

The petition asks that one-half of said premises be set off to the petitioner, and the fourth each to the said Fannie Steen and Charles M. Steen in fee.